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SUBJECT: MASS FOR BISHOP CHI

1. I NOTE THAT NEW YORK TIMES AND NEWSWEEK HAVE CALLED PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO MY ABSENCE AT SEOUL CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PROTEST MASS TO PRAY FOR BISHIP CHI, EVEN THOUGH MY FRENCH AND BELGIAN COLLEAGUES WERE THERE. FACT OF THE MATTER IS I DID NOT RPT NOT EVEN KNOW THAT THE MASS WAS BEING HELD, SO QUESTION OF MY ATTENDING NEVER AROSE. TIMES CORRESPONDENT WAS AWARE OF THIS BUT PERSISTED IN WRITING STORY NEVERTHELESS, AND NEWSWEEK PICKED IT UP.

2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR (WHO PERSUADED BELGIAN TO GO ALONG) TOLD ME HE WAS INVITED TO ATTEND BY FRENCH PRIEST WHO EXPRESSED FEAR OF ARREST AND BELIEVED OFFICIAL FRENCH PRESENCE WOULD DISSUADE ROKG FROM APPREHENDING FRENCH PRIESTS.

3. ABOVE IS FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION JUST IN CASE THE QUESTION ARISES AT CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS.
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